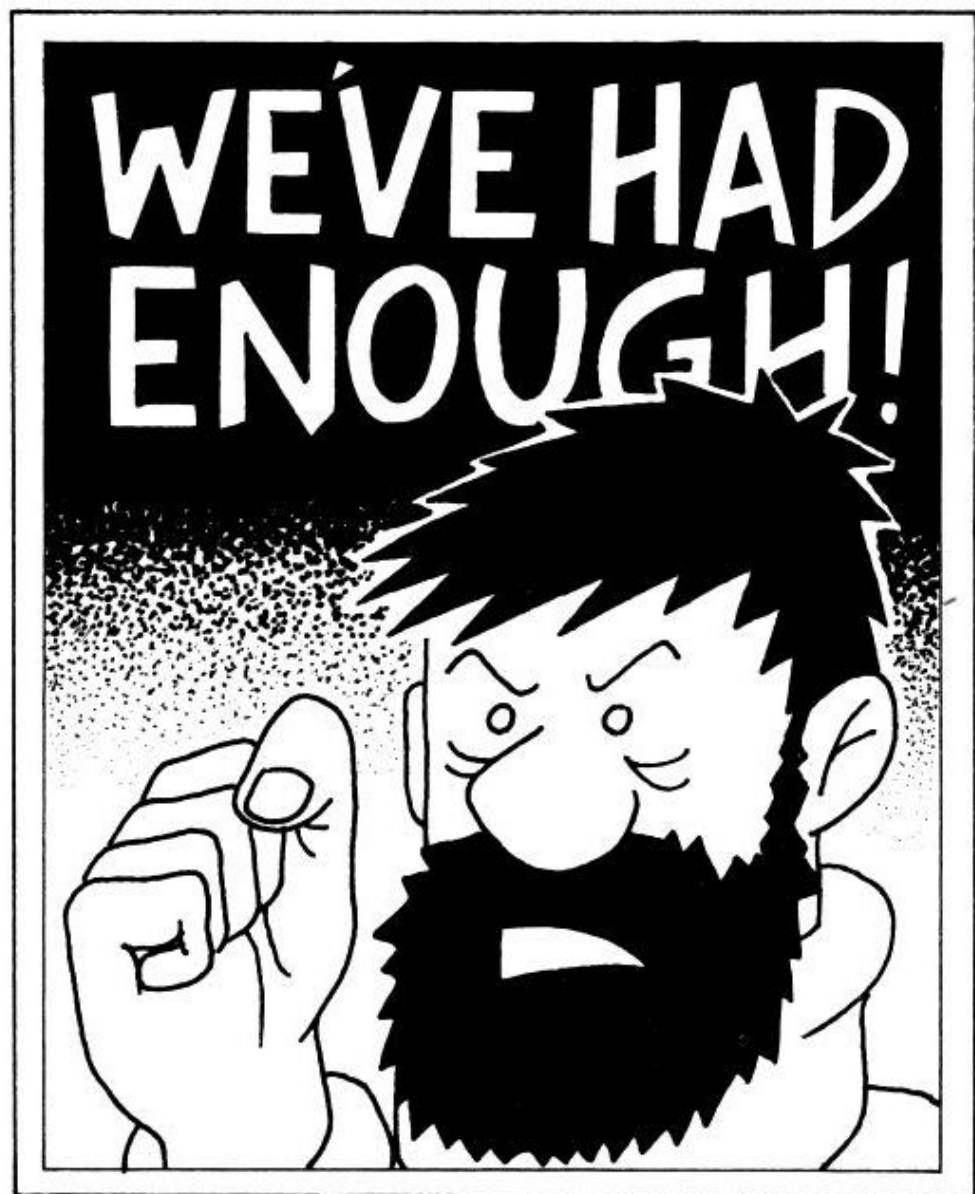


# CHAPTER • ONE





TINTIN, ME OLD MATE!  
HOW'S IT GOING?

NOT SO BAD,  
UNCLE, NOT  
SO BAD...



MARY, LOOK WHO'S HERE ...  
IT'S YOUR FAVOURITE NEPHEW!

HIYA TINTIN! YOU OK?  
WE HAVEN'T SEEN YOU  
FOR AGES...



WELL THINGS  
AIN'T THAT HOT  
TO TELL THE  
TRUTH ... YOU  
SEE, THEY CUT  
ME DOLE LAST  
WEEK!....



...THEY SAY IT'S MY  
FAULT I GOT KICKED  
OFF THAT J.T.S. SCHEME  
THING...

YOUR FAULT!?



FROM WHAT I HEARD, I  
RECKON YOUR BOSS GOT OFF  
LIGHTLY WITH JUST A FEW  
CHIPPED TEETH!

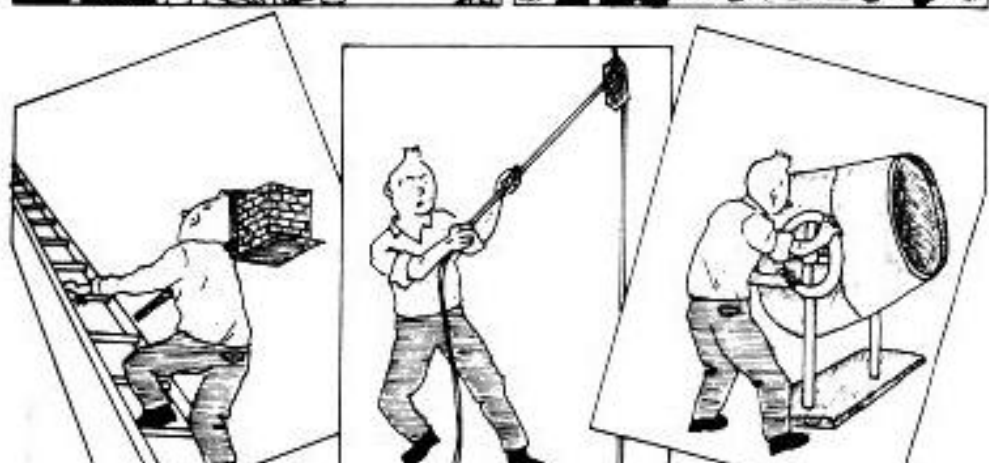
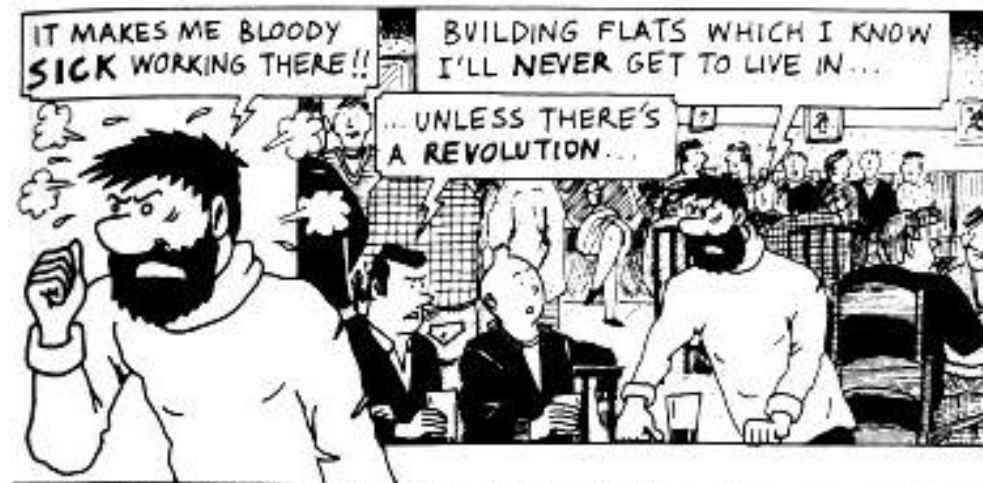


I WENT **BERSERK**  
DOWN AT SOCIAL  
WHEN THEY TOLD  
ME ....











...GOD, I'M WELL KNACKERED



...AYE AND YOU'LL BE MORE THAN JUST KNACKERED IF THEY CATCH YOU SKIVING!



SHIFT OVER, MATE - NO-ONE'S LOOKING...  
BUT WHAT AM I SLOGGING MY GUTS OUT FOR, CAPTAIN?... A RIGHT BLOODY PITTANCE!



LOOK SHARP! THE BOSS IS ABOUT!



IS IT STILL OK TO EAT AT YOURS TONIGHT?  
YEH, MARY SAID COME ROUND AT SIX... OK?



AND SO...  
CHEERS, MARY! THAT WAS DEAD NICE...



YEH, IT'S NOT MUCH, IS IT... BUT IT JUST MEANS WE HAVE TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF ALL THE PERKS!



LOOK AT ME - I AIN'T RICH, BUT I'M NEVER SHORT OF TOOLS... IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN!



...AND IF YOU GET REALLY BORED, YOU CAN ALWAYS "MODIFY" THE PLANS...



BANG!  
BANG!



WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON!? IT'S COMING FROM OUTSIDE...



THERE'S SOMEONE BREAKING IN NEXT DOOR... OI! WHAT'S YOUR GAME!?



ME AND A FEW OF THE OTHER LADS WERE SUB-CONTRACTED TO HELP PUT UP A NEW PIG STATION A FEW YEARS BACK...



...WE MUST HAVE BEEN VERY ABSOUBT MINDED...



...COS THREE MONTHS LATER THE WHOLE FRIGGING ROOF CAVED IN!

SHAME!



LOOK, IT'S ALRIGHT... WE'RE NOT OUT TO CAUSE ANY TROUBLE...

IT'S JUST THAT I'M HOMELESS AND SO I...

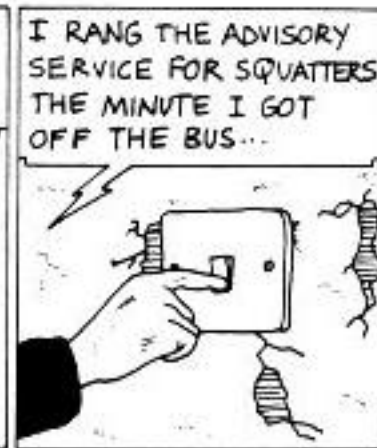


...SO YOU'RE GONNA BE A SQUATTER NEXT DOOR... IS THAT IT, LOVE?

...ER..YEAH...



SQUATTERS EH?...





WHAT?! THE KETTLE EXPLODED?!



NO - DON'T BE DAFT! I'M TALKING ABOUT WHY I HAD TO LEAVE HOME ...



YOU SEE, MY PARENTS REFUSE TO ACCEPT THAT I'M... THAT I'M A LESBIAN...



MY MUM JUST COULDN'T SEE IT... I MEAN, AS A LESBIAN, I'VE GOT ABOUT AS MUCH CHANCE OF CATCHING AIDS AS THE POPE!



YEH, YOU'RE RIGHT - IT'S PROBABLY THE SAFEST SORT OF SEX... AND DEFINITELY THE NICEST!



... AND IF ANYTHING'S "UNNATURAL" IT'S GOT TO BE THE PERSECUTION I GET FROM STRAIGHTS



GOD, IT WAS AWFUL! I WAS LIVING A DOUBLE LIFE IN THAT TOWN...



HASSLED AT WORK BY ALL THOSE OFFICE CREEPS...



... AND THEN I'D GET HOME AND GET HASSLED BY MY PARENTS TO FIND A NICE BOYFRIEND!



IT WAS A REAL RELIEF TO RING GAY SWITCHBOARD AND HEAR SOMEONE SAY I WASN'T MAD OR "UNNATURAL"!



AND SO IT ALL CAME OUT LAST WEEK CAN'T YOU SEE? I DON'T LIKE MEN... I DON'T WANT TO SLEEP WITH MEN...



NICOLA! WHAT... WHY... WHAT ABOUT AIDS?

WHERE DID WE GO WRONG...?

WHAT WAS IT LAST YEAR... £600? FOR SWEET FANNY ADAMS!



NO, I'LL TELL YOU WHAT IT'S FOR... FOR THEIR LUNCHES...

... AND ALL THE BACKHANDERS!



THAT COUNCILLOR RYAN GOT OFF SCOT FREE, DIDN'T HE?











I MEAN, YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO **BUY** MUCH AT TODAY'S PRICES, CAN YOU?



I KNOW... SOMETIMES I WONDER HOW WE'RE EVER GOING TO SURVIVE....

OH, WE'LL MUDDLE THROUGH SOMEHOW... WE ALWAYS DO! POP ROUND FOR A CUPPA LATER, MARY, IF YOU LIKE...



YEH I'D LOVE TO.... I'LL BRING SOME CAKE ROUND...



TA-RA, MRS DAVIS!

LISTEN, PAL! THE REAL ENEMY ARE THE BOSSES! IT AIN'T WHAT **COLOUR** YOU ARE - IT'S HOW **RICH** YOU ARE!



YEH, I AGREE...

...WE STAND AGAINST THE BOSSES TOO...



THEN WHY DO YOU **DNIDE** THE WORKERS INTO BLACK AND WHITE?

THE BOSSES HAVE USED THE BLACKS AGAINST BRITISH WORKERS... IT'S OUR COUNTRY... FOR WHITE WORKERS... FOR US!... **BLACKS AIN'T BRITISH!**



A few hours later...



SHOULD BE A GOOD GAME TODAY, CAPTAIN...

JUST AS LONG AS WE **WIN**, MATE!

**OH BOLLOCKS!** THIS AIN'T "MY" COUNTRY - IT'S THE **RICH'S** COUNTRY!... AND WHAT RACE ARE YOU ANYWAY?.... FRENCH? DANISH?... **VIKING?!!**



LOOK AT THIS! IT'S JUST **DIVIDE AND RULE**... WORKING FOR THE **BOSSES**



YOU LOT MAKE ME **SICK!**

YOU LOOKING FOR **TROUBLE?!**



**READ THE TRUTH!** KICK OUT THE **MUGGERS**... ENGLAND FOR THE **ENGLISH**...



WANNA **BUY** A COPY OF THE PAPER, MATE?



SHOVE OFF, I DON'T WANNA **READ** THAT...

HAVE YOU EVER **READ** IT?!



YOU LOOKING FOR A **HOSPITAL BED?!**



SORRY, MATE... NO **OFFENCE** MEANT...

**COS** YOU'RE GONNA GET ONE, YOU **FUCKIN' BASTARD!**



**NOW PISS OFF** OUT OF HERE!

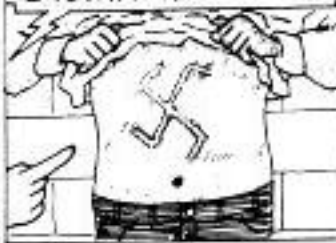


THEY REALLY WIND ME UP, THAT LOT...

YOUR GRANDAD GOT HURT LOADS OF TIMES TRYING TO KEEP THEM OFF THE STREETS IN THE 1930s....



YEAH, KEVIN HERE GOT DONE OVER BY THEM A FEW MONTHS BACK... THEY CARVED A SWASTIKA ON HIS STOMACH...



BASTARDS!



NAH, C'MON ON KEV... IT'LL BE A GOOD CRACK!... YOU NEVER KNOW, THERE COULD BE SOME DECENT DIPPING TO BE DONE!



WE'LL MOVE IT THEN! ...WE'RE WASTING DRINKING TIME!



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One football match later...



BLOODY GOOD MATCH! YEH, IT'S ABOUT TIME WE WON!



LOOK, I'M GONNA CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING... I'LL DROP BY LATER ON ME WAY HOME... OK? OK, SEEYA!



I'LL GET 'EM IN... ...THREE PINTS OF LIGHT AND BITTER, MATE...



I'M SORRY, SIR... WE DON'T SELL BEER...



ALRIGHT THEN TINTIN, WHAT WE DOING?

WELL THE BOOZERS AIN'T OPEN YET...



...BUT I RECKON WE SHOULD CHECK OUT THAT NEW WINE BAR DOWN THE ROAD...



LEAVE IT OUT! ME IN THERE?! YOU MUST BE JOKING! IT'S FOR POSH BASTARDS, INNIT?



ALRIGHT, MAKE IT THREE PINTS OF LAGER THEN...



NO LAGER...



WHAT DO YOU SELL, THEN EH? PONCY, OVERPRICED WINE? WELL I'LL HAVE SOME OF THAT....





I'M AFRAID WE'RE  
SELLING NOTHING TO  
YOU, SIR ..... WOULD  
YOU MIND LEAVING?...



YOU WHAT?! WHAT'S  
WRONG WITH MY  
MONEY?! AT LEAST  
I COME FROM ROUND  
HERE, NOT LIKE...  
YOU REFUSING TO  
LEAVE?



GET YOUR  
FUCKIN' PANS  
OFF ME! ....  
SOD OFF BACK  
TO HAMPSTEAD  
--YOU LOT AIN'T  
WELCOME HERE



ON THE CONTRARY, YOU'RE  
THE ONE WHO'S NOT  
WELCOME! ..... **CHARLES!**  
CALL THE POLICE!



YOU BASTARD... I'M  
GONNA HAVE YOU!



DID YOU CALL  
ME, ADRIAN?



**C'MON THEN!**



**DRINK UP, MATE!!**



C'MON - LET'S  
SPLIT! THE  
COPS'LL BE  
HERE SOON!



HANG ON... WAIT  
A MINUTE....



BASTARDS!!

HA! HA! HA! HA!

Some hours later...

HIYA TINTIN!  
CAPTAIN! ALRIGHT?

I WAS JUST ON  
ME WAY TO SEE  
YOU ... I'VE BEEN  
WAITING FOR A  
23 FOR BLOODY  
HOURS...

I'VE BEEN DOWN  
THE ANCHOR  
WITH JIM - DID  
YOU HAVE A  
GOOD TIME?

YEH, WE GOT INTO A  
SCRAP IN THAT NEW  
WINE BAR .... IT WAS  
A GOOD CRACK.....!

YOU WANNA BE  
CAREFUL, TINTIN!  
..... ALTHOUGH GOD  
KNOWS THAT LOT  
DESERVE ALL THEY  
GET....

.... AND I  
MANAGED TO  
GET ONE OF  
THE BASTARDS'  
WALLETS.....  
FANCY A CURRY?!

A few days later  
YEH, IT WAS OK....

... I MEAN I DIDN'T  
UNDERSTAND SOME  
OF THE WORDS THEY  
USED THERE...

BUT ALL THE  
SAME, IT'S NICE  
TO KNOW THAT  
THERE IS A  
WOMEN'S  
CENTRE...

...Y'KNOW, SOMEWHERE  
WHERE YOU CAN JUST  
MEET OTHER WOMEN...

SOUNDS GOOD...

YOU NEVER KNOW, I  
MAY COME DOWN  
THERE WITH YOU  
ONE OF THESE DAYS!

YEH, GO ON,  
MARY!...

MY CLEANING  
JOB'S ONLY  
PART-TIME AND  
I GET FED UP  
BEING STUCK IN  
HERE THE REST  
OF THE DAY...

I USED TO WORK IN  
A CAFE - BUT IT WAS  
REALLY HORRIBLE!

YEH, I'VE DONE  
IT TOO...

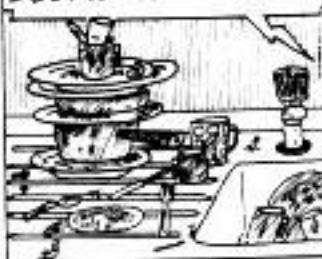
....CRAP PAY,  
A BRUISED  
BUM AND  
LOUSY TIPS!

I USED TO SPEND ALL DAY  
WAITING ON, WASHING UP  
AND WORKING IN THE KITCHEN

... AND THEN WHEN I GOT HOME I'D HAVE TO DO IT ALL AGAIN FOR CAPTAIN AND SHARON!



I SAW THIS GOOD POSTER DOWN THE WOMEN'S CENTRE - "THE REVOLUTION BEGINS IN THE SINK"



HA! YOU WANNA TRY TELLING THAT TO CAPTAIN!!



... WHAT DID YOUR LAST SLAVE DIE OF, EH?... YOU KNOW WHERE THE KETTLE IS ....



I'LL HAVE A BLACK COFFEE, AND NICKY HAS MILK AND TWO SUGARS...



AW, BUT I'VE JUST COME BACK FROM WORK....



I TELL YOU, DURING THE MINERS STRIKE, HE WAS ALWAYS MOUTHING OFF ABOUT THE WOMEN IN THE PIT COMMUNITIES, BLAH BLAH BLAH.....



.... BUT IT WAS STILL ME WHO HAD TO COOK, CLEAN, PICK UP SHARON AND ALL THE REST!



YEH, WHAT I'D REALLY LIKE TO DO IS GET ALL THE WOMEN ON THE ESTATE TOGETHER AND...



WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK I DO ALL DAY?...  
...THROW PARTIES...?!  
I'VE BEEN CLEANING UP YOUR MESS... AND YOU DON'T EVEN LIVE HERE!



QUIT BICKERING YOU TWO ....  
I'LL MAKE THE DRINKS, OK?  
TEA?... COFFEE?



I BET YOU PUT HER UP TO THIS, NICKY....



**CRASH!**

.... HANG ON, THEY'RE BACK!



HIYANICKY! HELLO MARY! JESUS, WHAT A DAY... I'M KNACKERED!



ME TOO!

HOW ABOUT A CUP OF TEA, MARY?....



I CAN THINK FOR MYSELF TINTIN! I DON'T NEED ANYBODY TO PUT ME UP TO ANYTHING.



...I MEAN IT'S ALL THIS WOMEN'S LIBERATION STUFF... IT'S CRAP!!



Y'KNOW... LESBIAN FEMINISTS IN WOOLLY HATS...  
...MIDDLE-CLASS WANKERS !!





THAT'S **BOLLOCKS**,  
TINTIN, AND YOU  
KNOW IT!



LOOK, TINTIN, ALL I'M  
SAYING IS THAT IT'S  
ALWAYS US **WOMEN**  
WHO CLEAN UP BEHIND  
YOU, DARN YOUR  
SOCKS FOR YOU....



I BET YOU THINK  
WE WERE PUT ON  
THIS PLANET JUST  
TO PLEASE **YOU**...  
COOK FOR YOU, WASH  
UP FOR YOU....



The next day...



UMM... ABOUT LAST  
NIGHT... ER... MARY  
SENT ME ROUND TO  
APOLOGISE... I WAS  
WAY OUT OF LINE...



... I SHOULDN'T  
HAVE HAD A GO  
AT YOU... I'M  
**SORRY**... I MEAN  
IT....



...AND OF COURSE  
WE'LL HAVE SEX  
ANY TIME YOU  
WANT... EVEN IF  
WE SAY WE WON'T!



YOU'RE WELL OUT  
OF ORDER, NICKY!  
... OK, I'M A BIT  
LAZY BUT I  
AIN'T NO BLOODY  
RAPIST!



ALL MEN ARE  
POTENTIAL RAPISTS,  
TINTIN!

**BOLLOCKS**



THAT'S OK... FORGET  
IT - I'M USED TO  
IT NOWADAYS...  
WE'LL DON'T JUST  
STAND THERE...  
**COME IN!**



DO YOU LIVE HERE  
ALONE THEN...?



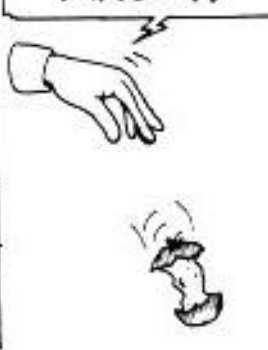
**LESBIAN  
STRENGTH**



WELL HOW COME  
MOST RAPES ARE  
COMMITTED BY  
"FRIENDS" NOT BY  
STRANGERS...?  
RAPISTS AREN'T  
"MAD"....



...THEY'RE JUST  
**MALE !!**



DO YOU LIKE IT?



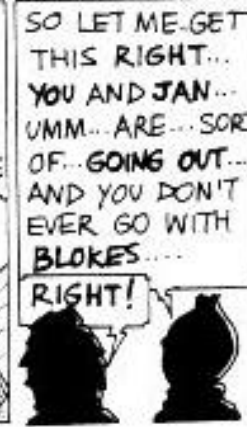
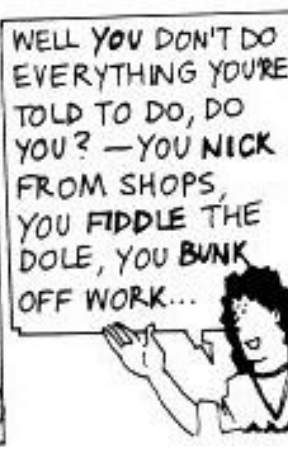
BUT... WHAT'S IT FOR...  
UMM... NO... I MEAN...  
WHY HAVE YOU GOT IT  
ON YOUR WALL...



I MEAN... YOU DON'T  
LOOK LIKE... Y'KNOW,  
LIKE ONE OF THEM...







The next week..

THIS IS A  
**LONGS**  
BUILDING SITE  
*Building  
the Future*  
SAFETY HELMETS  
MUST BE WORN



QUICK - SOMEBODY GET  
AN AMBULANCE...

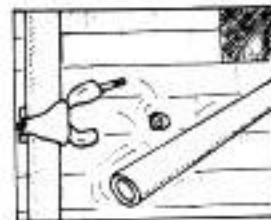
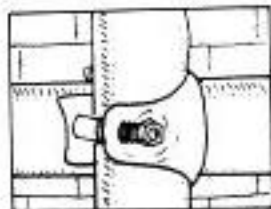
OH MY GOD,  
IT'S JOE!



OH NO, I DON'T  
BELIEVE IT...



... HE'S  
DEAD !!



OH MY GOD!



JOE!! THE  
SCAFFOLDING!!  
LOOK OUT!!



DEAD?! ... WHAT ... WHAT DO  
WE DO NOW...?

I DON'T BELIEVE  
IT... NOT JOE...



HE'S GOT A WIFE  
AND KIDS...

IT COULD  
HAVE BEEN  
ANY ONE  
OF US...



I SHOUTED  
BUT HE  
COULDN'T  
HEAR ME...

LOOK, WE CAN'T LEAVE  
HIM HERE - GIVE US  
A HAND TO GET HIM  
INTO THE CABIN...



I NEED A  
FAG, MATE..  
I FEEL  
TERRIBLE...



GOD... DEAD?! I WAS CHATTING WITH HIM JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO...



I TELL YOU, THIS HAS PUT ME RIGHT OFF WORKING...

ME TOO - I JUST WANNA GO HOME AND FORGET TODAY



HEY LADS, **SIMMONS** IS ON HIS WAY OVER!



I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE UPSET - WE ALL ARE...



.... BUT AS THE SUPERVISOR, MY JOB IS TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT AND FILE A REPORT...



WELL A BLOODY REPORT AIN'T GONNA BRING **JOE** BACK!

ER... NO... BUT MAY HELP TO...



WHAT THE HELL'S BEEN GOING ON?!



IT'S **JOE**... HE'S DEAD... A POLE IT JUST **CAME AWAY**... I TRIED TO WARN HIM...



...AND HIS BODY?... IN THERE?... **GOOD**... NOW TELL ME, HAD HE BEEN **DRINKING** AT ALL....?



**LISTEN** ... BEFORE YOU GET ANY FURTHER... I AIN'T SATISFIED WITH THIS! GET THE **MANAGER** OUT HERE!



YEAH, WE WANT TO SEE THE **BOSS**!

YEAH!



ERR... I'M... UM... WELL... HE'S **UNAVAILABLE**... UMM... AT THIS MOMENT... UM...



EH?! WHAT YOU GETTING AT?!? **NO**, COURSE NOT!



LOOK, ALL I'M TRYING TO DO IS ESTABLISH WHAT HAPPENED... I CAN'T EVEN CONTACT HIS NEXT-OF-KIN, LET ALONE WRITE A REPORT, TILL WE KNOW THE **FACTS**... WHAT ABOUT **WITNESSES**?



I'LL TELL YOU THE **BLOODY FACTS**! - A MAN'S LYING **DEAD** IN THERE COS THIS SITE'S GOT A **LOUSY SAFETY RECORD**!



IN THAT CASE YOU CAN TELL HIM THAT I'M **BLOODY UNAVAILABLE**... **UNAVAILABLE** FOR WORK AS FROM NOW!



YEH WE'VE HAD **ENOUGH**! THEY'RE ALWAYS **SCREENING** US AND NOW THEY'RE **KILLING** US!



WELL THEY AIN GETTING AWAY WITH THIS ONE **LET'S STRIKE**











ARE YOU **DEAF**, LAD?  
THE MEETING'S  
**OVER**... LET'S ALL  
GO HOME AND CALM  
DOWN...



**STUFF THAT!**  
LISTEN, SAFETY'S  
BEEN **CRAP** EVER  
SINCE I STARTED  
HERE...

**YEAH!**



...IT'S OBVIOUS  
YOU NEVER  
CARED ABOUT  
SAFETY BEFORE,  
SO WHY SHOULD  
YOU CARE NOW?



YOU'RE A **BOSS'S**  
**MAN**, JONES...  
ALWAYS HAVE  
BEEN AND ALWAYS  
WILL BE!



**GET A JOB!**

**SELL-OUT!**

**SOD OFF!**



**FORGET THE**  
UNION... RIGHT,  
WHO'S GONNA  
PICKET TODAY?

**I WILL**

**ME**  
**TOO!**



YOU WANT TO TAKE **OUR**  
DISPUTE OFF TO THE  
UNION HEAD OFFICE —  
AND YOU'LL JUST SIT  
ON IT... AND **NOTHING**  
WILL GET **DONE**....



YEH...JOE WAS  
**OUR** MATE... I  
BET YOU DON'T  
EVEN KNOW  
WHO HE WAS!



WE TRUSTED YOU  
WITH THE  
OVERTIME BAN  
THREE YEARS  
AGO AND YOU  
**SOLD US OUT**  
THEN!



...AND SOME OF US  
NEED TO GET OVER  
TO THE OTHER SITES  
... THERE'S TWO  
HERE, ONE HERE....



BUT...BUT THAT'S **ILLEGAL**  
...IT'S SECONDARY  
PICKETING!

**OH JUST FUCK**  
**OFF, JONES!**



I'LL HAVE YOU  
**EXPELLED**...THE  
RULE BOOK  
CLEARLY STATES...



OH IT AIN'T **OUR**  
UNION... IT'S JUST  
FOR THE **BOSSSES**...

THAT'S **NOT**  
**TRUE!**...



...YOU CAN RAISE  
ALL THIS AT  
THE NEXT BRANCH  
MEETING...



**STUFF YOUR**  
**MEETINGS, JONES!**  
WE WANT **ACTION!**



**BURN THE BLOODY**  
**RULE BOOK!!**



I'VE BEEN A UNION  
MEMBER FOR **ELEVEN**  
YEARS, AND I'VE DONE  
MORE FOR IT THAN  
YOU'LL **EVER** DO!



THIS IS **OUR**  
STRIKE AND  
**WE'RE TAKING**  
**CONTROL OF IT!!**





## CHAPTER • TWO



The next morning..

YORK ROAD

THIS IS  
**LON**  
BUILDING  
*Building the Future*

ALRIGHT LADS? ... WE'VE JUST  
COME FROM THE LONGS SITE  
DOWN ON DERBY ROAD...

A MATE OF OURS GOT  
**KILLED** AT WORK  
YESTERDAY... KILLED  
BY BAD SAFETY...

SO WE'RE ALL  
OUT ON STRIKE  
TILL SOMETHING  
GETS DONE...

... WE WANT  
HIGHER WAGES,  
A CUT IN OUR  
HOURS, AND  
COMPENSATION  
FOR THE  
FAMILY...

WE CAN'T WIN ON OUR  
OWN, SO WE'RE ASKING  
YOU TO COME OUT AS  
WELL... LOOK AT THE  
SAFETY HERE...  
IT'S **CRAP!**

... AND I BET YOUR **WAGES** ARE  
AS CRAP AS OURS... SO WHAT  
DO YOU SAY? **YEH?...**

...I DON'T KNOW...  
WHAT'S IT GOT TO  
DO WITH **US**?



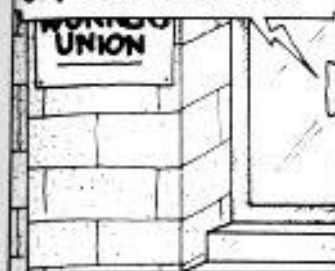
... I'VE GOT A  
**FAMILY** TO KEEP...



**BLOODY STRIKES**  
I'M **SICK** OF 'EM!



WELL, AS I SEE IT,  
WE HAVE A VERY  
**NASTY** SITUATION  
ON OUR HANDS...



THE DISPUTE IS  
SLIPPING OUT OF  
OUR HANDS - THE  
MEN WON'T  
LISTEN  
TO US...



... AND THE **BLOODY**  
WOMEN **NEVER**  
DID! .... SO WHAT  
ARE YOU GOING TO  
**DO** ABOUT IT, ALAN?



LOOK, WE'RE ALL  
IN THE SAME  
BOAT... WE **ALL**  
WORK FOR LONGS...



IT COULD BE **YOU**  
WHO GETS KILLED  
NEXT! ....



...AND YOU WON'T  
BE MUCH USE  
TO YOUR FAMILY  
WHEN YOU'RE **SIX**  
**FEET UNDER!**



WELL I'M MEETING GEORGE LONG AT  
HIS CLUB TONIGHT...



IT'S GOT TO BE SORTED OUT  
QUICKLY, ALAN ....

... OTHERWISE, WE'RE  
ALL GOING TO BE IN  
DEEP WATERS ....  
THERE'S AT LEAST  
**FIVE** SITES TOTALLY  
OUT ALREADY - AFTER  
JUST **FOUR**  
**DAYS!!**



YEH YOU'RE RIGHT!  
THIS PLACE IS A  
DEATH-TRAP... I  
SAY **WE STRIKE!**



YEH, C'MON LADS..  
IT'S ABOUT TIME  
SOMEONE DID  
SOMETHING ... I'VE  
GOT A FAMILY TOO,  
BUT FRANK'S RIGHT..



... **LET'S STRIKE!**



THE WAY I SEE IT,  
WE'RE **TRAPPED** -  
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO  
MAKE THE STRIKE  
**OFFICIAL**



... BECAUSE THAT WOULD  
MEAN WE CONDONE  
THE BREAKING OF  
THE LAW ...



BUT IF WE **DON'T**  
COME UP WITH  
SOMETHING, WE  
RISK LOSING  
MEMBERS...



**EXACTLY!**



IT'S VITAL WE  
CLEAR IT UP NOW  
WHILE WE STILL  
HAVE CREDIBILITY...



WELL I'LL SEE WHAT  
CONCESSIONS I CAN  
WIN FROM GEORGE  
TONIGHT....



I HOPE YOU  
SUCCEED, ALAN...  
FOR **ALL** OUR  
SAKES, I HOPE  
YOU SUCCEED...



That evening...  
THAT'S LOVELY, THANKS..



... WHERE WAS I?...  
OH YES - I KNOW THAT  
THINGS ARE TIGHT IN  
THE TRADE RIGHT  
NOW, SO THIS STRIKE  
COULD COST YOU A  
LOT OF MONEY...



**TOO DAMN  
RIGHT!!**



...BUT QUITE FRANKLY,  
THIS ONE WON'T BE  
SETTLED BY ONE  
OF OUR NORMAL  
AGREEMENTS...



I KNOW THAT, ALAN  
THIS TIME I'M GOING  
TO **GET** THOSE BUGGERS

UMM..THAT'S FAIR  
ENOUGH, BUT WE  
NEED TO WORKOUT-



**NO!**



IT'S NOT THE 1970s  
ANY MORE, ALAN -  
**I** CALL THE TUNE  
THESE DAYS, AND I  
WANT THAT LOT  
**SMASHED!**



...I'VE GOT PEOPLE  
QUEUING UP FOR JOBS  
ALREADY... AND I'LL  
TELL YOU THIS....



...I **WON'T** BE  
PICKING ANY  
MEMBERS OF  
YOUR BLOODY  
UNION EITHER!



I'M **SICK** OF PAYING  
YOU BACKHANDERS  
ALAN, WHEN YOU  
CAN'T CONTROL  
YOUR MEN...



...BUT... BUT **GEORGE!**  
THE POLICE HAVE  
ALREADY PROMISED  
FULL CO-OPERATION  
TO ENSURE NORMAL  
WORKING...



...SO YOU'RE  
ABSOLUTELY  
**DETERMINED**  
TO BREAK THIS  
STRIKE?



**YES!** AND GET **WAGES  
DOWN** ... THEY'VE HAD  
IT COMING TO THEM  
FOR YEARS!

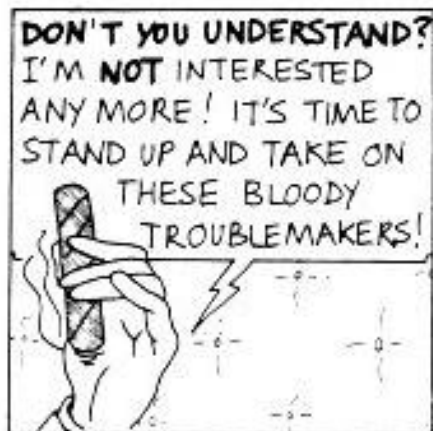


WELL, YOU KNOW MY  
POSITION AS UNION  
REPRESENTATIVE -  
I CAN'T **POSSIBLY**  
AGREE WITH YOUR  
PROPOSALS....



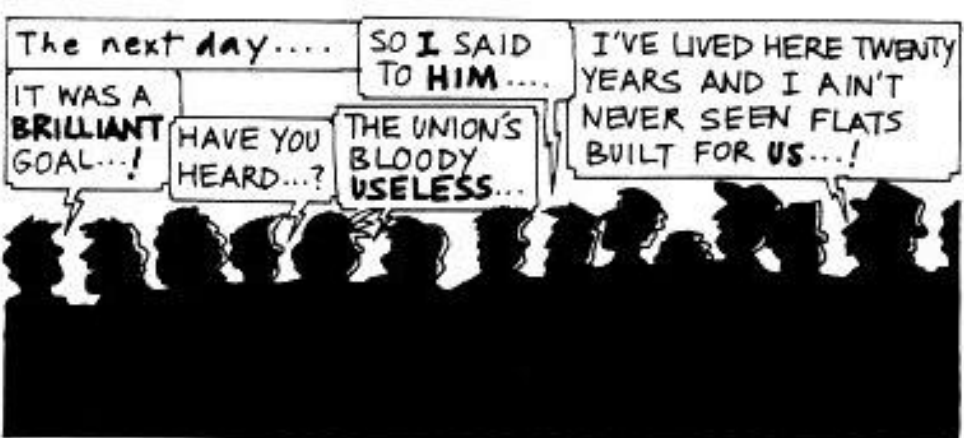
.... BUT I **AM**  
PREPARED TO  
TRY TO FIND  
COMMON  
GROUND WITH  
YOU, GEORGE...

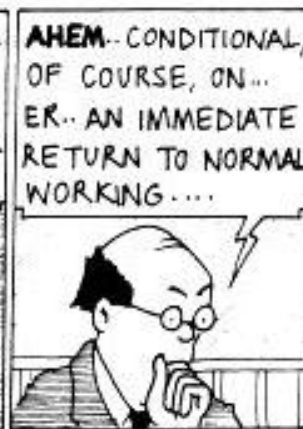
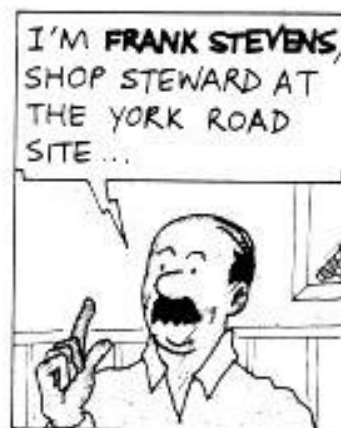












NOW THEN, BROTHERS,  
LET'S DO THIS  
PROPERLY — AND PUT  
IT TO THE VOTE...  
REMEMBER, ONLY FULL  
UNION MEMBERS CAN  
TAKE PART...



...I'VE NOTICED  
QUITE A FEW  
STRANGE FACES  
HERE — ARE  
THEY OUT TO  
CAUSE TROUBLE?



DON'T LET THEM  
TAKE YOU FOR A  
RIDE! .... I BET  
THEY DON'T WORK  
IN THE TRADE....



HARK  
WHO'S  
TALKING!

THE ONLY **OUTSIDERS**  
HERE ARE **YOU**  
AND YOUR **HEAVIES**,  
JONES!



LISTEN — I WORK  
AT DERBY ROAD  
AND JONES HAS  
DONE **SOD-ALL**  
FOR US... ALL HE  
CARES ABOUT  
IS HIS OWN  
**PAY-CHEQUE!**



... HIM AND HIS  
FAT PALS ARE  
**BOSSSES' MEN!**

**YEAH!**



**I** DON'T WORK IN THE  
TRADE NO MORE,  
BUT A LOT OF YOU  
PROBABLY KNOW ME...



...BUT HOW MANY  
CAN SAY THEY  
KNOW **HIM**?!



**I** KNOW HIM...  
... AND I **KNOW**  
HE'LL STAB US  
IN THE BACK —  
SAME AS HE DID  
WITH THE  
**OVERTIME BAN!**



**I'M SICK OF JONES  
AND HIS CRAP...  
WE DON'T NEED  
THEM...!**



HE AIN'T GONNA  
HELP US WIN  
THIS STRIKE...



... THE ONLY WAY TO  
WIN IS **UNITY**...

... AND  
**SOLIDARITY!**



WE CAN DO IT  
**WITHOUT JONES**  
... AND WE CAN  
**WIN!**



COME ON JONES...  
IT'S TIME FOR YOU  
TO **GO**...



**HEY! LET GO!  
LET ME SPEAK!**

**KICK HIM  
OUT!**



**SHOVE OFF JONES!  
YOU AND YOUR  
BLOODY UNION  
HAVE GIVEN US  
NOTHING !!**



**KICK THEM OUT!**

**YEH, KICK'EM OUT!**



**I VOTE WE KICK  
JONES AND HIS  
MATES OUT!**

**YEAH!**





SORRY MATE - LOOKS  
LIKE YOU'RE OUT!!  
HA! HA! HA!



BUT... BUT... BUT...  
YOU CAN'T DO THIS!



WE JUST  
HAVE!!

BUT THIS IS THE  
UNION HALL...



IT'S OUR  
BLOODY  
HALL!

BUT THIS IS  
ILLEGAL!!



GO ON, FUCK OFF JONES  
AND TAKE YOUR HEAVIES  
WITH YOU!!



RIGHT - LET'S  
HAVE A BIT  
OF ORDER...



NOW WE'VE GOT RID  
OF THAT LOT, WE  
CAN GET DOWN TO  
THE REAL BUSINESS



...WE'VE GOT TO  
GET ORGANISED  
...WE'VE GOT TO  
SORT OUT PICKETS  
WE'VE GOT TO  
RAISE  
MONEY...



...AND WE'VE GOT  
TO FIGHT!!



I'M DONE WITH  
CRAWLING AND  
ARSE-LICKING...



I'M SICK OF THEIR  
LIES, THEIR LOW  
PAY, THEIR CRAP  
SAFETY....



..WE'RE GOING TO  
FIGHT TILL WE  
DROP...



AND WE'RE GONNA  
WIN!!



YEAH!

YOU TELL  
THEM, SUE

IF ANYONE WANTS  
TO HELP DRAW UP  
A PICKET ROTA,  
COME AND  
SEE ME...



I'LL GIVE YOU  
HAND, FRANK



WE CAN  
USE MY

AND JEFF OVER  
THERE IS TAKING  
ON THE JOB OF  
ORGANISING STREET  
COLLECTIONS  
FOR THE  
STRIKE  
FUND...



AND I VOTE WE HAVE  
MASS MEETINGS  
LIKE THIS REGULARLY!

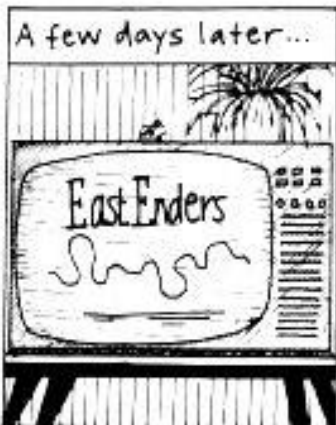


YEAH

GOOD  
IDEA!

HERE WE  
GO ♪ HER  
WE GO!  
HERE WE  
GO! ♪





...YEH I SAW MRS WOTSERNAME THE OTHER DAY — **DAVIS**. THAT'S IT — AND SHE SAID SHE THOUGHT THE STRIKE WAS **GREAT**...



THERE YOU GO LOVE — THERE **IS** SUPPORT...

MRS **DAVIS**?!



... I CAN'T SEE **HER** RUSHING TO THE PICKET LINES...

I DON'T SEE WHY NOT...



AND IF **SHE** CAN GO, **I** CAN GO TOO!



...I MEAN, IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT **SUPPORT**, WHAT ABOUT SUPPORTING **ME**?!



IF YOU EACH SAID YOU'D DO A FEW HOURS A WEEK BABYSITTING, THEN I COULD GET OUT COLLECTING AND LEAFLETING...



**A LEAFLET!** THAT'S IT! I COULD PRINT IT UP AT WORK AND WE COULD PUT IT ROUND THE ESTATE!



WELL LET'S DO A LEAFLET THEN...!



HANG ON...

**SHUT UP LOVE!** HERE'S A PEN AND PAPER... NOW WHAT DO WE SAY...?



START OFF WITH WHY WE'RE ON STRIKE — Y'KNOW, JOE DYING...



...CRAP PAY, LOUSY SAFETY, NO JOB SECURITY...



...AND JUST BEING PUSHED AROUND ALL THE TIME... **THAT'S** WHAT REALLY GETS **ME!!**



BUT WE'VE GOT TO MAKE IT RELEVANT TO PEOPLE AROUND HERE...



PUT IN SOMETHING ABOUT THAT HOSPITAL THEY'RE CLOSING...



AND **EVERYONE** SUFFERS FROM LOW PAY...

**PLUS** THERE'S ALL THE CUTS IN THE DOLE!



**THE FLATS!** MENTION THOSE BLOODY FLATS THAT LONGS ARE PUTTING UP!!



AND ALL THOSE FLASH WINEBARS **HA! HA! HA!**



SAY THAT IT'S EVERYONE'S STRIKE — IF **THIS** STRIKE WINS, WE'LL ALL WIN!





AND PUT PRACTICAL  
STUFF AT THE BOTTOM  
— COLLECTING MONEY  
AND FOOD...



WHO TO CONTACT  
ABOUT PICKETING,  
WHEN THE BIG  
MEETINGS ARE...



**PHEW!** THAT  
SOUNDS LIKE  
WE'VE COVERED  
EVERYTHING...



RIGHT—IF I TAKE IT  
NOW I CAN GET IT  
TYPED UP AND START  
PRINTING IT TOMORROW  
OR THURSDAY...



IS 3,000 COPIES  
TOO MANY?

NO, THAT'S  
FINE — NO  
PROBLEM!



A few days  
and three  
thousand  
leaflets later...



**"NO PROBLEM"?!  
I'M BLOODY  
SHATTERED — ALL  
THOSE STAIRS!**



AND NOT ONE SODDING  
LIFT WORKING!... STILL  
IT'S WORTH IT!



YEAH, DES MADE  
A REALLY GOOD  
JOB OF IT — IT  
LOOKS GREAT!



QUITE A FEW PEOPLE  
STOPPED ME AND  
SAID "KEEP IT UP!"



I KNEW IT WOULD  
WORK—EVEN THAT  
MR ANDERSON ON  
THE END CAME  
OUT TO SAY HE  
SUPPORTED  
THE STRIKE!



**WHAT?! THE  
GRUMPY ONE WITH  
THE ALSATIAN?!**



**BLOODY HELL!**  
WONDERS WILL  
NEVER CEASE...



I WAS WELL TEMPTED  
TO PACK IT IN HALF-  
WAY THROUGH...



...MY LEGS WERE  
REALLY HURTING  
AND IT WAS SO  
**BORING! .... TA!**



YEH, IT WAS A  
RIGHT PAIN IN  
THE ARSE!...

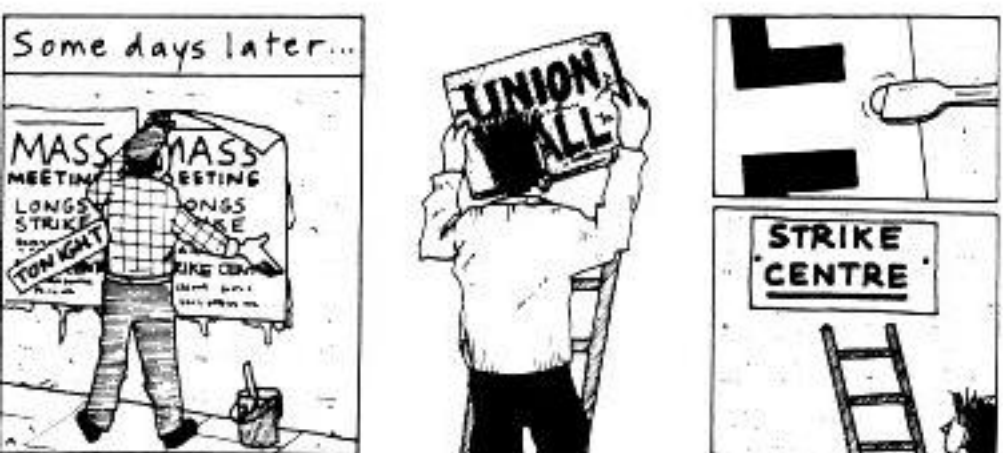


**HUH!! IF YOU THINK  
THAT'S BAD, MAYBE  
YOU SHOULD HAVE A  
GO AT SOME OF MY  
HOUSEWORK!**



ER...NO THANKS  
MARY!... BUT  
IT AIN'T MUCH  
OF A **LAUGH**,  
IS IT, DISHING  
OUT LEAFLETS?





I'M HERE TO SUPPORT  
THE STRIKE...

**BLOODY  
RENTAMOB!!**

...AND DEFEND MY  
STREET AND THIS  
AREA AGAINST BIG  
PROPERTY  
DEVELOPERS  
LIKE LONGS...

**PACK IT IN  
YOU TWO...**  
THERE'S NO  
POINT IN  
FIGHTING....

WE ALL AGREED LAST  
WEEK THAT ANYONE  
WILLING TO FIGHT  
ALONGSIDE US IS  
WELCOME HERE....

YEH, **UNITED**  
WE STAND,  
**DIVIDED**  
WE FALL!

I KNOW, JIM, I  
KNOW - I JUST  
GET **PISSED OFF**  
WITH THESE  
LEFTWINGERS  
AND THEIR  
PRECIOUS  
BLEEDING  
REVOLUTION!

WELL **DON'T WE ALL**  
MATE, DON'T WE ALL!

LOOK WE'RE  
RUNNING OUT OF  
TIME AND WE  
NEED TO SORT  
OUT NEXT WEEK'S  
PICKETING!

IT'S TIME WE  
STARTED TO  
PICKET OUT  
**ALL SUPPLIERS**  
TO LONGS!

**WHAT'S THE POINT**  
FRANK?! WE  
CAN'T EVEN GET  
ALL THE **LONGS**  
SITES OUT!

WE CAN DO **BOTH!**  
I'VE JUST BEEN  
GIVEN A MESSAGE  
FROM WORKERS AT  
WILSONS CONSTRUCTION

...THEY'VE **ALL**  
**WALKED OUT** IN  
SUPPORT OF OUR  
FIGHT!

IF IT CARRIES ON  
LIKE THIS...  
**NOTHING WILL  
STOP US!**

...IT'S ALMOST AS  
THOUGH PEOPLE HAVE  
BEEN **WAITING** FOR  
SOMETHING LIKE  
THIS JIM....

THEY HAVE BEEN  
MATE! THERE'S  
A LOT OF ANGER  
AND FRUSTRATION  
ABOUT!

I SAY WE SHOULD  
GET OUT TO **OTHER**  
LONGS COMPANIES  
AS WELL...

YEH THEY OWN SOME  
BIG **TRANSPORT**  
FIRM...  
AND QUITE  
A FEW  
**HOTELS...**

THERE'S  
THAT  
**SHIPPING**  
GROUP!

...IF WE APPROACH  
THOSE WORKERS  
I RECKON  
SOME OF'EM  
MIGHT WANT TO  
COME OUT!!



A FEW OF US HAVE SET UP A WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP—SO MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY TO CONTACT WOMEN WORKING IN LONGS HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS

GOOD IDEA!

YEH, I AGREE... THE ONLY WAY TO WIN THIS STRIKE IS TO SPREAD IT...

...WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE ON OUR OWN—WE'VE GOT TO UNITE!

On the way out of the meeting....

COPY OF THIS WEEK'S 'MILITANT'...

SOCIALIST WORKER—20 PENCE!

WE DON'T NEED YOU LOT! PISS OFF OUT OF IT !!

YOU'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING...

HOLD UP CAPTAIN!

...LOOK, IF YOU LOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED, YOU CAN COME IN ..... BUT LEAVE YOUR BLOODY PAPERS OUTSIDE!

OH DON'T BE SO HARD ON'EM, CAPTAIN—SOME OF'EM ARE OK...

...I KNOW, JIM—IT'S JUST THEIR PARTIES WHICH ARE A HEAP OF SHIT !! SEEYA MATE !!

Early the next morning....

...very early...

OH...OH MY GOD!

MORNING CAPTAIN!

DON'T SOUND SO BLOODY CHEERFUL DAVE !!

GETTING OUT OF A WARM BED TO STAND AROUND ON A PICKET LINE AIN'T MY IDEA OF FUN!

HANG ABOUT...! SOMETHING'S HAPPENING!... IT'S THE OLD BILL !!

CLEAR THE ROAD! ..COME ON, MOVE IT!! BACK ON TO THE PAVEMENT....

...AND WHAT IF WE ALL REFUSE TO....

MOVE IT !!

ALRIGHT-IT'S ALL  
CLEAR DOWN AT  
THE GATES....



HANG ON FRANK!  
...WE'RE WELL  
OUTNUMBERED  
HERE...



TINTIN'S RIGHT...  
WE NEED TO  
FIND OUT WHERE  
THE COACH PICKS  
UP...



..HEY, I'VE GOT  
A GOOD ZOOM  
LENS ON MY  
CAMERA...



YOU SCABBY  
BASTARDS!!



GET HIM!



LET HIM GO!



PIGS! BASTARDS

WITH PHOTOS WE CAN  
START PUTTING NAMES  
TO FACES..



BUT WE'VE STILL  
GOT TO STOP  
THEM GETTING  
IN HERE...

THIS IS THE  
SITE THAT  
STARTED IT  
ALL OFF...



...AND I RECKON  
LONGS ARE  
BANKING ON  
THE STRIKE  
BEING BROKE  
HERE FIRST..



THIS IS CRAZY...  
IT'S LIKE WATCHING  
TELLY ABOUT  
NORTHERN IRELAND..



YEH, MORE OF  
OUR SIDE  
NICKED FOR  
SWEET F.A....



IF I COULD GET  
MY HANDS ON  
THOSE SCAB  
SHITS... I'D  
KILL'EM!!



YEH, WE'VE HAD  
NO REPORTS OF  
SCABS ON ANY  
OTHER SITES YET

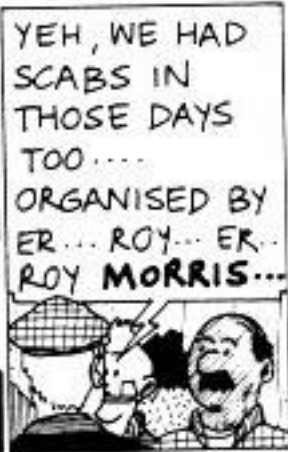


BUT IF WE DON'T  
STOP'EM SOON,  
PEOPLE WILL  
START LOSING  
INTEREST...



..BUT HOW DO YOU  
DO THAT DES,  
WHEN THEY'RE  
SURROUNDED  
HUNDREDS OF  
PIGS?!

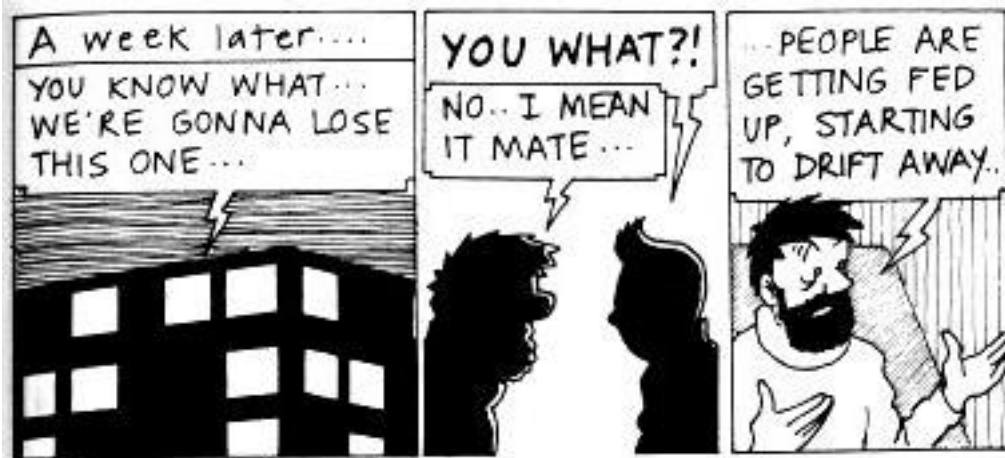






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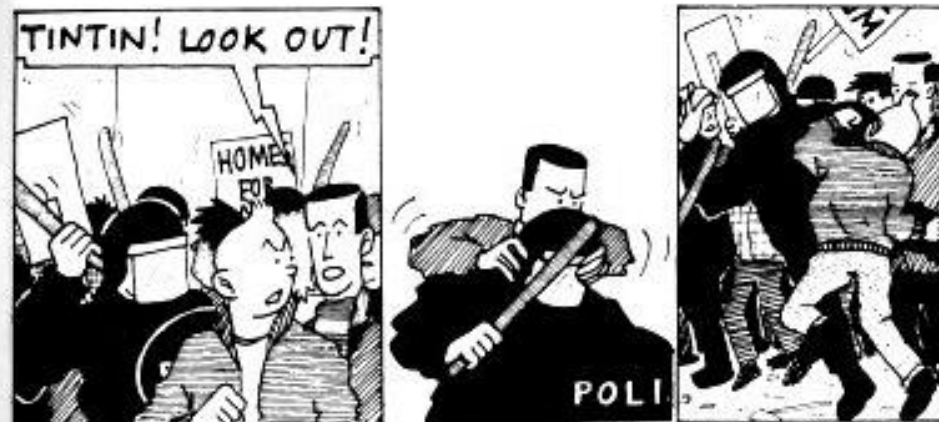






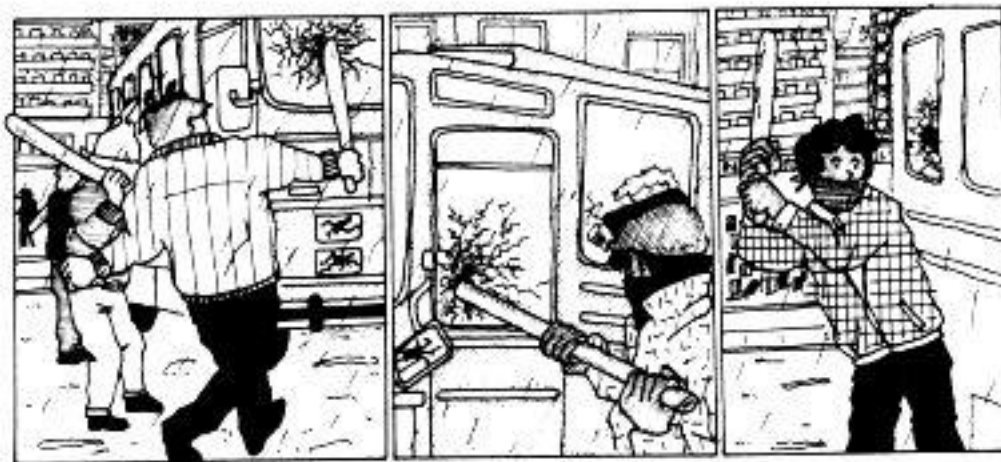












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NUMBER ONE

STRIKE CENTRE (Old Union Building) BROOKLANDS ROAD

This is the first issue of a newsletter for Longs strikers. We hope to bring it out once a week, or maybe even more regularly. We welcome all contributions, especially details of pickets, meetings, collections.

THIS STRIKE INVOLVES US ALL. IT INVOLVES THE WORKERS SACKED AT DERBY ROAD. IT INVOLVES ALL THE WORKERS ON OTHER SITES WHO ARE NOW THREATENED WITH THE SACK. IT INVOLVES ALL THE WORKERS IN OTHER LONGS COMPANIES, LIKE TRANSPORT & SHIPPING, WHO WILL BE NEXT FOR THE CHOP. IT INVOLVES ALL WORKERS EVERYWHERE WHO WILL BE SQUEEZED EVEN MORE IF THIS STRIKE FAILS. IT INVOLVES EVERYONE IN THIS AREA WHO IS FED UP OF SEEING LONGS BUILD LUXURY FLATS FOR THE RICH, WHILE THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS AND ST. JAMES HOSPITAL IS CLOSED FOR LACK OF MONEY... IT IS A STRIKE WE CAN WIN IF WE ALL STAND TOGETHER - SOLIDARITY IS STRENGTH!

■ At the time of writing, the strike has entered its 8th week. With each day victory draws closer. Already all major Longs sites have been totally closed down. The way to win is to stand together and FIGHT! The Longs management have nothing to offer us. They've sacked us, they've blacklisted us, they've thrown the full weight of the cops against us... BUT WE WON'T GO AWAY! We'll be outside those gates until we win...

**ALAN JONES - GO TO HELL!**

■ We want nothing from the union and that's the way it's been for three years ago, when the union was full of trusting the... We want...

THAT'S BRILLIANT  
DES! HERE YOU  
ARE, CHRIS....



HOW MANY DID  
YOU PRINT?

JUST OVER  
FIVE  
THOUSAND...



THIS IS GREAT!  
WE CAN SHIFT  
LOADS AT THE  
MASS PICKET  
ON MONDAY!



... AND I'VE GOT A  
BIT OF GOOD NEWS  
AS WELL....



... THE WORD IS  
THAT LONGS ARE  
NOW BEING  
BLACKED BY  
ENOUGH SUPPLIERS



WHAT, SO NO  
MATERIALS  
ARE GETTING  
THROUGH?



THAT'S FANTASTIC  
NEWS....

OH I DON'T  
KNOW....



..IT DON'T MATTER  
THAT MUCH - EVEN  
IF THEY GET  
GOODS DELIVERED..



THEY'LL HAVE  
NO BLOODY  
SCABS WORKING  
TODAY!!!



The next evening...

HIE SWAI



FREE HOUSE

... GOD, IT MAKES  
A CHANGE TO GET  
OUT FOR ONCE...



YEH, WE HAVEN  
BEEN OUT  
MUCH, HAVE W



APART FR  
BLOODY  
MEETINGS



YOU KNOW, I REALLY  
APPRECIATE TINTIN  
LOOKING AFTER  
SHARON TONIGHT...



..YEH THAT LAD  
NEVER CEASES  
TO AMAZE ME...



... JUST THE OTHER  
DAY, HE WAS...



HIYA DES!

ALRIGHT! YOU OK?  
WE'RE FINE  
LOVE!.. AND YOU?



I'M SORT OF OK  
I SUPPOSE...  
EXCEPT I'VE  
JUST HAD A  
ROW WITH  
MANDY,  
MY LOVER







THE FUNNY THING IS THAT A FEW MONTHS AGO I'D HAVE FOUND ALL THIS DEAD BORING...



... BUT SINCE THIS WHOLE **STRIKE** THING STARTED, I JUST CAN'T FIND OUT **ENOUGH!!!**



YEH I USED TO **HATE** HISTORY WHEN I WAS AT SCHOOL...



ALL THAT **CRAP** ABOUT KINGS AND QUEENS, AND WHAT SOME **BIGWIG** SAID IN PARLIAMENT IN 1836!



YEH, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO KNOW WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING....



...WELL I KNOW WHERE I'M GOING ....**UP TO THE BAR!** SAME AGAIN LOVE?



WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW IS REALLY **BIG**...MUCH BIGGER THAN IN '74 OR '79...



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT THOUGH ... A FEW WEEKS AGO IT WAS JUST **ONE** BUILDING SITE...



..AND NOW IT'S GROWING FASTER THAN **DAVE'S BEER BELLY!!**



EVEN ON THE BUSES THERE'S LOADS OF FRUSTRATION AND ANGER BUILDING UP....



... AND WHEN IT EVENTUALLY EXPLODES, THE UNIONS WON'T HAVE A HOPE IN HELL OF CONTROLLING IT!



OK, WE'VE DITCHED THE UNIONS, BUT WE STILL NEED **ORGANISATION**, DAVE!



WELL, THERE'S THE **STRIKE SUPPORT NETWORK**...



...AND IN LIVERPOOL THEY'VE JUST SET UP A **REGIONAL STRIKE CO-ORDINATION CENTRE**....



WHY HAVEN'T WE GOT SOMETHING LIKE THAT **HERE?**



WE'RE SORTING IT OUT AT THE **DELEGATES MEETING** TOMORROW NIGHT...



**WHAT?! YOU OFF TO ANOTHER MEETING?!** ERR...AFRAID SO...



HOW COME **YOU** GET TO HAVE ALL THE **FUN!!**









YEH BUT THIS AIN'T  
A GAY LIBERATION  
DEMO - THIS IS A  
PICKET LINE....



AND WE DON'T WANT  
YOUR SORT ROUND  
HERE....



I'M A LESBIAN  
AND I  
SUPPORT THIS  
STRIKE - THERE  
AIN'T NO  
CONTRADICTION!



WE'VE BEEN DOWN  
HERE **LOADS**  
OF  
TIMES - YOU'RE ONLY  
MOANING NOW 'COS  
WE'VE BROUGHT A  
BANNER...



...LOOK JACK - YOU  
ALWAYS GO ON AT  
THE GAZETTE FOR  
BEING PREJUDICED  
AGAINST THE STRIKE,  
DON'T YOU?...  
NO  
HAS  
HERE



...BUT IT'S OK  
FOR **YOU** TO BE  
PREJUDICED  
AGAINST  
**NICKY**....



...ANYWAY, WE'RE  
**STAYING** - IF YOU  
DON'T LIKE IT, THAT'S  
**YOUR PROBLEM!!**



**NICE ONE NICKY!**  
**YOU TELL HIM!**



OH HI TINTIN!  
**CREEPS** LIKE  
THAT REALLY  
WIND ME UP!!



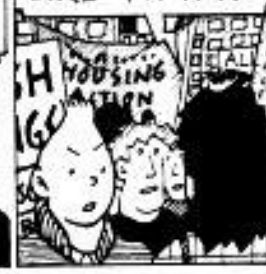
...I MEAN, WHAT THE  
**HELL** IS HE DOING  
DOWN HERE, EH?!



IT'S BAD ENOUGH  
HAVING TO GO TO  
A 'RESTART'  
INTERVIEW THIS  
MORNING...



WITHOUT BEING  
HASSLED **HERE**  
BY **JERKS**  
LIKE THAT!!



... AND THEN I'VE...  
**KEVIN! ALRIGHT!**



OH THANKS A  
**BUNDLE** FOR  
LISTENING,  
TINTIN!!



...IT'S THE SAME  
WITH CAPTAIN,  
NICKY....



THE ONLY TIME I  
SEE HIM THESE  
DAYS IS SPEAKING  
ON A PLATFORM...



..AND IF I GET  
TO SEE HIM  
ALONE, IT'S  
JUST **STRIKE,**  
**STRIKE, STRIKE!**



...AND TO CAP  
IT ALL, I  
SHOULD HAVE  
COME ON **3**  
DAYS AGO!....



YEH, SOMETIMES  
IT SEEMS LIKE  
NOTHING'S WORTH  
IT...



NOT EVEN THIS  
BLOODY STRIKE!  
WHAT'S THE  
POINT OF IT IF...



WAKE UP AT THE  
END...THE COPS  
ARE ON THE  
MOVE!!



OI!! YOU **BLACK  
BASTARD!!** WHY  
DON'T YOU **FUCK  
OFF HOME!!**



**SHUT YER MOUTH**  
YOU ... OR I'LL  
SHUT IT FOR  
YOU!!... I'M  
**BLACK...**



AND I AIN'T **NO  
BASTARD!** THAT  
THERE IS A  
**COP...**



...AND THAT'S  
THE WORST  
INSULT OF ALL !!



IT DON'T MATTER  
WHAT **COLOUR**  
YOU ARE - IT'S  
WHICH **SIDE**  
YOU'RE ON....



**SCABS!**



WE'RE **BLOCKED**  
IN... **AGAIN!**



..IT'S LIKE THIS  
EVERY TIME...  
**GOD I HATE IT!!**



**CHEER UP NICKY!**  
THIS **STRIKE'S**  
THE **BEST LAUGH**  
ANY OF US HAVE  
HAD FOR **AGES!!**



**BASTARDS!**  
**SCABS!**



**WANKERS!**  
**SCUM!**



**BASTARDS!**

DON'T WORRY-  
THEIR TIME  
WILL **COME!!**









AND THERE'S A CHANCE THAT TRANSPORT WORKERS IN THE LONGS CHAIN WILL COME OUT NEXT WEEK.



WHICH WILL MEAN US GETTING OUT TO SUPPORT THEIR PICKET...



PLUS WILDCAT STRIKES OVER PAY AND CASUAL LABOUR ARE SPREADING AT THE POST OFFICE!



AND AT LAST WE'VE SORTED OUT A WAY OF GETTING ALL STRIKERS TOGETHER...



...AN ORGANISATION CALLED **REGIONAL STRIKE CO-ORDINATION** HAS BEEN SET UP - AND IT'S OPEN TO ANYBODY!!



MY GOD, ALAN, IT'S REALLY SPREADING...



IT'S AMAZING.. WE'RE REALLY BEGINNING TO WIN...!



WE'VE STILL GOT LOTS OF MONEY COMING IN, BUT ALL THE NEW STRIKERS WILL NEED MONEY...



..WE NEED TO STEP UP COLLECTIONS - IT'S NOT JUST LONGS ANY MORE - IT'S GETTING BIGGER EVERY DAY!



WE'VE GOT TO STICK TOGETHER EVEN MORE...AS IT GETS BIGGER, IT'S GONNA GET HARDER...



..WE'RE ALL GOING THROUGH HARD TIMES, BUT I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY...



THAT I'D RATHER DIE ON MY FEET THAN LIVE ON MY KNEES...



WE'LL HOPEFULLY NO-ONE WILL DIE... EXCEPT SCABS!



...AND THE BOSSES!!



...THERE'S ONE ABOUT THE STRIKE AND ONE FOR THE BIG DEMO COMING UP ON THE 20th...



..SO CAN YOU ALL TAKE SOME AND GET'EM STUCK UP ALL OVER...

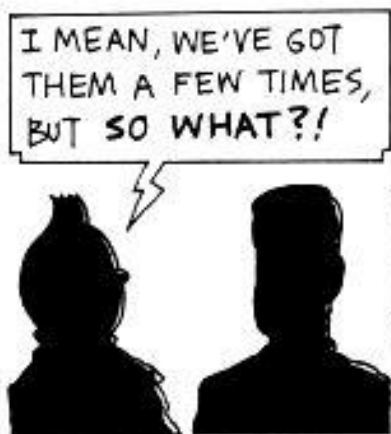


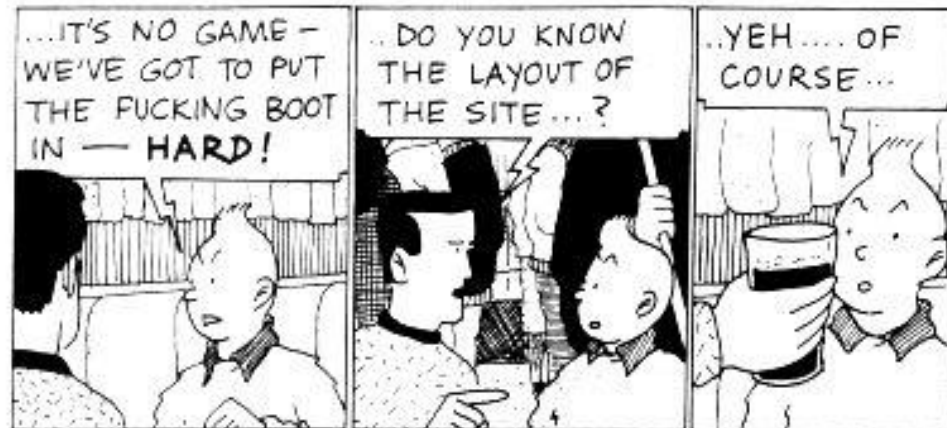
PSST!! I'M DYING FOR A PINT... DO YOU FANCY ONE?



YEH...LET'S GO...









...WE'RE DOING A SPECIAL COLLECTION IN THE HIGH STREET FOR HIS FAMILY...



...AND THERE'S A MARCH TO THE PRISON TOMORROW LUNCHTIME...



WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT?



WE'RE UP AGAINST SOMETHING SO **BIG!**



...AND IT'S GOING TO GET **WORSE** ..... I JUST KNOW IT ....



WE'RE NOT DOING TOO BADLY - WE'VE GOT ....



WE HAVEN'T EVEN **STARTED** YET, LOVE !!



...THERE WAS THIS THING ON TELLY THE OTHER DAY ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT...



WE'RE DESTROYING THIS WORLD, BIT BY BIT ....



IT'S NOT **US**, LOVE, IT'S NOT **US** WHO ARE DOING ALL THAT!



IT DON'T REALLY MATTER **WHO** IT IS ....



THE POINT IS EVEN IF WE WIN THIS STRIKE ....



EVEN IF WE WIPE OUT LONGS AND ALL THEIR MATES..



... AND **EVEN IF** WE CHANGE THE WHOLE BLOODY SYSTEM....



...WHAT'S GONNA BE LEFT OF THE WORLD FOR US ...AND SHARON?!



GOD, I'M TIRED, TIRED OF IT ALL!



.... **HOW** TIRED ARE YOU, LOVE?



NOT THAT TIRED, I GUESS..



Meanwhile, elsewhere...

HAVE YOU GOT THE STUFF...?



YEH, GALLONS OF IT... I'VE WIPED ALL THE PRINTS OFF...



OK LET'S GO! ...THE MOTOR'S AROUND THE CORNER....



WHEN DID YOU NICK IT?



THIS AFTER-NOON...

IT WAS A PIECE OF PISS! JUST LIKE THE OLD DAYS!!



GOD, I FEEL SO NERVOUS....



SO DO I - I COULDN'T EAT ME DINNER...



YOU STILL WANNA DO IT?...  
YOU BET!



OK - LET'S GO!!



THIS IS SERIOUS STUFF - ABOUT 5 YEARS IF WE GET CAUGHT...



I'M TIRED OF TALK, DES - I JUST WANT TO FUCK THOSE BASTARDS GOOD AND PROPER...



YOU'VE GOT A BURNING LOVE FOR THEM, TINT...



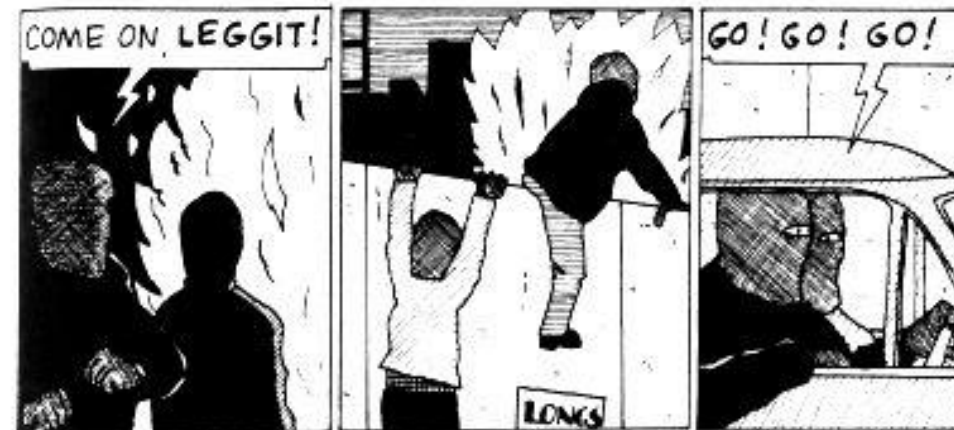
I'LL PARK ROUND THE BACK - IT'S EASIER TO GET OVER THE FENCE..



THIS IS IT. TIME TO PUT DOWN THE BALACLAVA



THE HUTS A THIS WAY..







STAY COOL, MATE!  
— WE'VE GOT TO  
HIT 'EM EVERY WAY  
WE CAN!...



..AND PERSONALLY  
I'D LIKE TO BUY  
WHOEVER DID IT A  
COUPLE OF DRINKS!



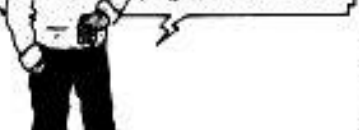
OK OK OK!!  
YOU WIN !!



ANYWAY IS THERE  
ANY MORE NEWS  
ABOUT THE DEMO?



YEH I WENT TO THE  
REGIONAL STRIKE  
CO-ORDINATION  
MEETING LAST  
NIGHT... IT'S  
GONNA BE  
MASSIVE!



...THERE'S  
PEOPLE  
COMING FROM  
ALL OVER  
THE COUNTRY!



AND THERE'S THE  
PRISON MARCH IN  
A FEW HOURS  
TIME...



YEH, I THINK  
MARY'S SORTING  
THAT OUT NEXT  
DOOR...



IT'S REALLY  
BUILDING UP,  
ISN'T IT....



WHAT I WANT TO  
KNOW IS WHERE  
WILL IT ALL END??



WELL LONGS AIN'T  
INTERESTED IN  
NEGOTIATION, SO  
GOD KNOWS....



I HEARD THAT  
BRITISH RAIL  
ARE GONNA  
OFFER THEIR  
WORKERS 12%



HA! THEY'RE RUNNING  
SCARED — BUYING  
THEIR WAY OUT OF  
TROUBLE...



BLOODY DIVIDE  
AND RULE....

YEH, BUT THE  
WORD IS THAT  
THE WORKERS  
AIN'T TOO HAPPY  
ABOUT IT...



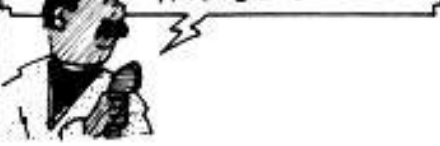
...I MET  
PETE DALEY  
AND...



HELLO, STRIKE  
CENTRE... YEH..  
...YEH..... SURE..  
... ABOUT HALF  
AN HOUR? OK!



THAT WAS COLIN JACKSON  
FROM THE POST WORKERS  
—MANAGEMENT HAS  
THREATENED 'EM WITH  
THE SACK FOR BLACKING  
LONGS MAIL ... CAN YOU  
TWO GO OVER?



YESSIR!!  
WE'RE ON  
OUR WAY,  
SIR!



And so, later....  
...AND THAT'S THE  
MANAGEMENT  
POSITION....



EITHER **STOP** THE  
ACTION OR GET  
THE SACK....



SO WHAT'S THE  
UNION LINE  
COLIN?



WELL THEY SAY THE BLACKING  
IS "ILLEGAL" AND...

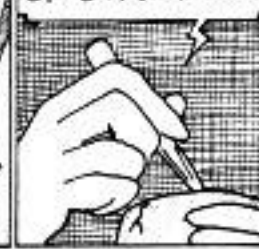
**HELL!**



**HA!** WILL THE  
BASTARDS  
**NEVER**  
LEARN!!?



THING IS  
WE'VE GOT  
A LOT OF  
GRIEVANCES  
OF OUR OWN...



Y'KNOW, LOW PAY, LONG  
HOURS, CASUAL LABOUR  
...ALL THE USUAL STUFF.



... ALL THIS  
LONGS THING  
HAS DONE IS  
BRING IT ALL  
TO A HEAD....



I RECKON WE'LL  
BE OUT ON  
ALL-OUT  
STRIKE BY  
TOMORROW...



BUT IT'D BE GOOD  
TO HAVE SOME  
LONGS STRIKERS  
DOWN HERE...



YEH, I'LL SPEAK  
**GREAT!** THE  
MEETING'S  
AT THREE...



I'LL TRY TO  
TIM OR ANN  
DOWN TO TA  
ABOUT REGION  
STRIKE  
CO-ORDINATION



THEY CAN GIVE A  
FULLER PICTURE  
OF WHAT'S  
GOING ON...



**BRILLIANT!** AS  
I SAID, MOST OF  
THE LADS ARE  
SPOILING FOR A  
FIGHT....



..AND THE UNION  
GOT SOD-ALL  
CREDIBILITY LEFT  
AFTER THE '87  
AND '88 DEALS



DON'T FORGET TO BRING  
ALONG POSTERS FOR  
THE BIG DEMO ON  
THE 20<sup>TH</sup>...



IT SHOULD BE  
A GOOD'UN!



DON'T YOU WORRY  
MATE, IT WILL BE  
**IT WILL BE!**





## CHAPTER • FOUR

# GETTING SERIOUS



Some days later...  
WHAT A **BASTARD!**  
... THOSE BAIL  
CONDITIONS ... !!



IT'S JUST THE  
SAME AS IN  
THE MINERS'  
STRIKE, TERRY..



IF I EVER GET ME  
HANDS ON THAT  
MAGISTRATE,  
CANHAM ... !



NO MORE BLOODY  
PICKETING... I'M  
SO PISSED OFF!!



A STRIKE AIN'T  
JUST ABOUT  
PICKETING...



DON'T FORGET  
ALL THE OTHER  
WORK WE'VE  
GOT TO DO...



LIKE WHAT?  
WELL, FOLDING  
ALL THESE FOR  
A START...



..PUTTING FOOD  
PARCELS  
TOGETHER...  
GETTING MONEY  
TO RUN THIS  
PLACE..



MONEY DON'T  
GROW ON TREES,  
YOU KNOW....





















HMM...YEH, I SUPPOSE  
IT IS THE **FIRST**  
THING THE TUC HAS  
TRIED TO DO SINCE  
THE STRIKE STARTED.



**ACH!!** THEY NEVER  
DO ANYTHING....  
EXCEPT SIT ON  
THEIR OVERPAID  
ARSES!!



LEFT AND RIGHT,  
...MILLS AND  
JONES, THEY'RE  
ALL A BUNCH  
OF **WANKERS!**



**LOOK! UP THERE!**



**PHIEW!** WE MUST BE  
ALMOST THERE - WE'VE  
BEEN WALKING FOR  
OVER AN HOUR...



DON'T WORRY,  
DAD - DERBY  
ROAD'S JUST  
BEHIND THIS  
ESTATE...



**BLOODY HELL!** THE  
OLD BILL...THERE'S  
THOUSANDS OF'EM!



SOMETHING TELLS  
ME THEY AIN'T  
GONNA LET US  
GET NEAR THE SITE  
TODAY....



I THINK YOU  
MIGHT JUST BE  
RIGHT, LOVE....







YOU'RE FUCKING  
NICKED, LOVE...!



BASTARD! YOU BROKE  
MY PLACARD...!!



CHRIST! WE CAN'T  
STAY HERE, KEV...  
WE'RE GETTING  
SLAUGHTERED!



COME ON...  
LET'S SPLIT!



HEY! A MOVING  
TARGET!!



OI!! YOU LOT!!!



THIS WAY TAKES  
US RIGHT DOWN  
BEHIND THE PIGS!



COME ON! WHY  
ARE WE WAITING  
FOR?!!

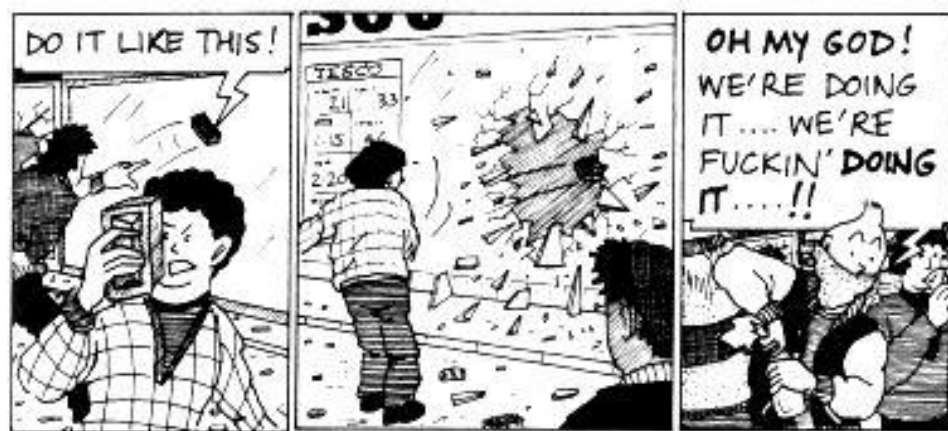
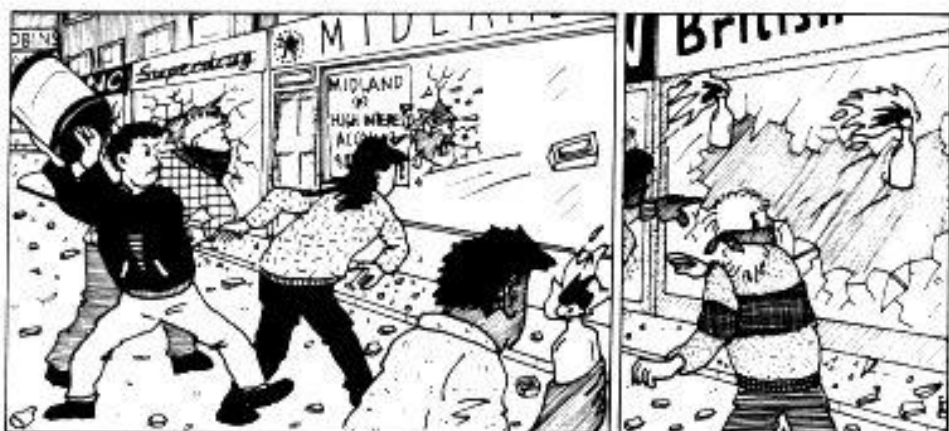


KILL, KILL, KILL  
THE BILL!!

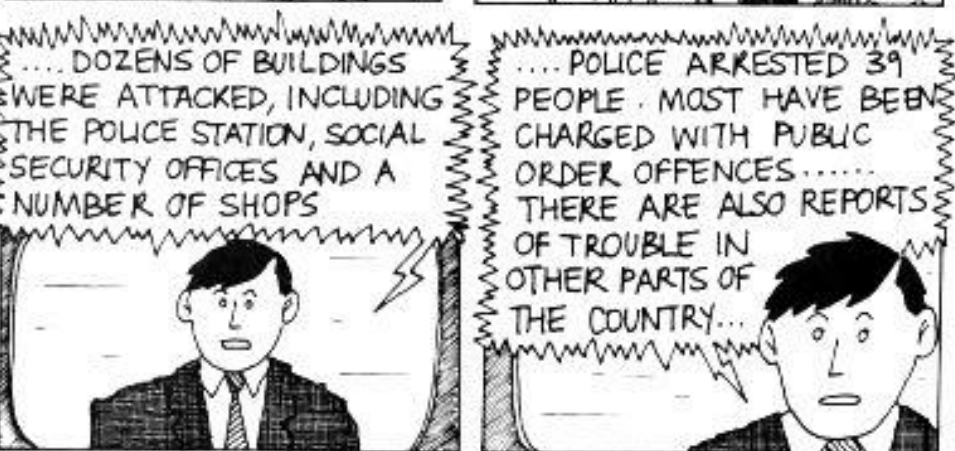
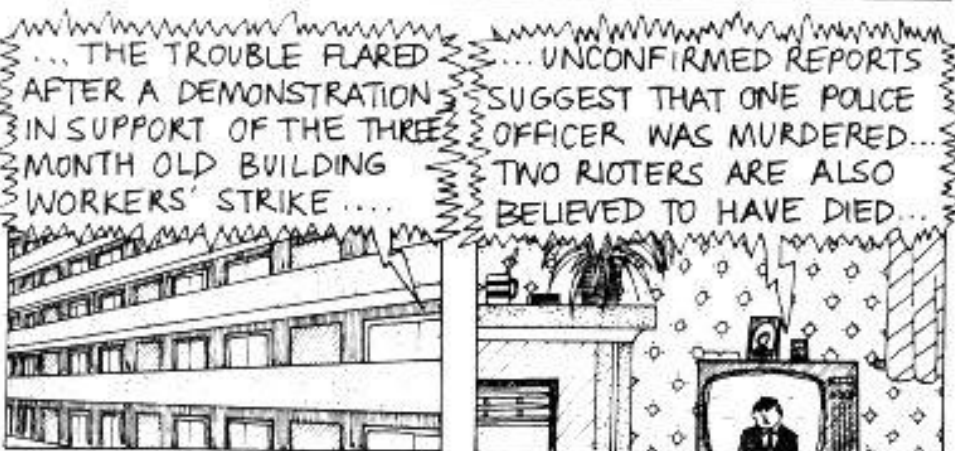


THUNK

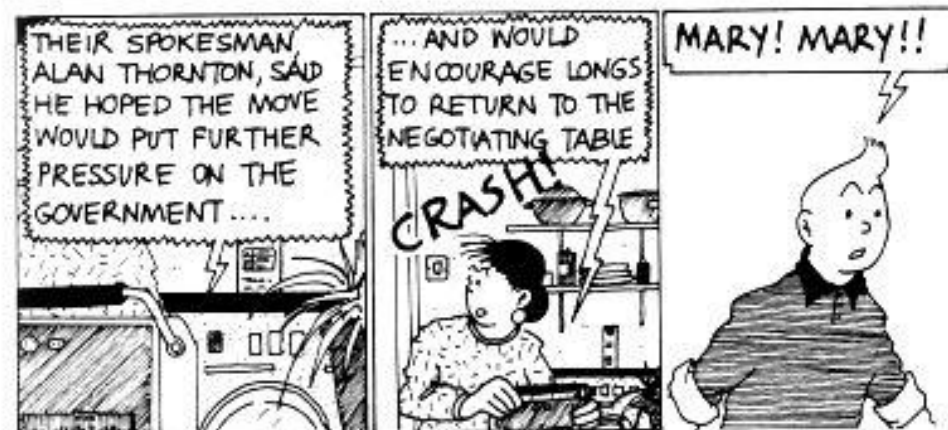
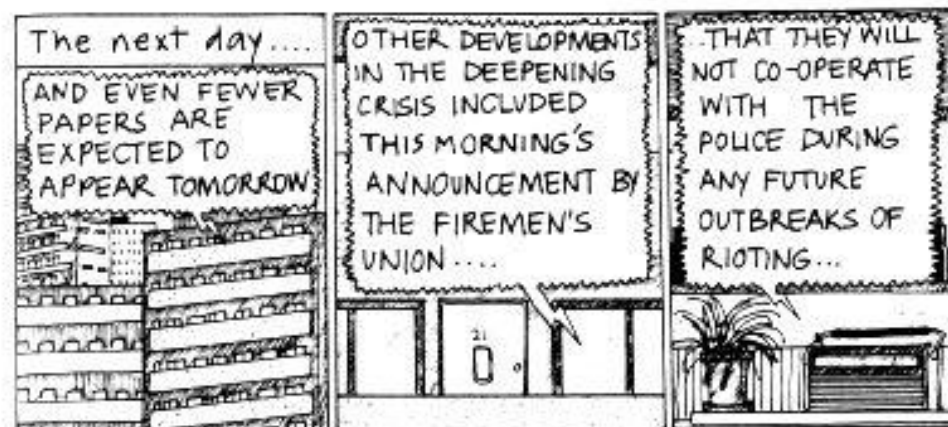














WHAT PARTICULARLY WORRIES ME ARE THESE SO-CALLED REGIONAL STRIKE CO-ORDINATIONS...



I QUITE AGREE GENERAL, BUT THE TRUTH IS WE'VE NEVER FACED THIS LEVEL OF ORGANISATION BEFORE



...WHAT SCARES ME IS THE TOTAL LACK OF UNION REPRESENTATION ON THESE R.S.C.s



IT'S THE COMMUNISTS, SIR ROBERT... THEY'VE STIRRED UP THE WORKERS AGAINST THE UNIONS...



...THE R.S.C.s WILL HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH US AT TRANSPORT HOUSE...



I THINK IT'S ABOUT BLOODY TIME YOU STOPPED **SNIVELLING** AND DID SOMETHING TO GET YOUR MEN BACK UNDER CONTROL!!



...OR ELSE WE'LL HAVE TO START CONSIDERING MORE SEVERE MEASURES....



WITH RESPECT GENERAL, WE HAVE **ALREADY** PASSED THAT STAGE...



...THE R.S.C.s HAVE PROVED TO BE A VIABLE FORM OF ORGANISATION... I CAN SEE **NO** ROLE FOR THE UNIONS!



ERR... THAT'S A BIT **HARSH**, SIR ROBERT...



...YOU'VE MISSED THE POINT — THE SHEEP HAVE DESERTED THEIR SHEPHERD!!



BUT... BUT... WE'RE STILL A CHANNEL FOR NEGOTIATION... **NEGOTIATION?**



DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! THERE ARE **BARRICADES** IN THE STREET... AND YOU'RE TALKING OF NEGOTIATION?!!



AND SIR DAVID? YOUR THOUGHTS?



WELL I AGREE THAT THE TIME FOR TALK HAS PASSED....



...I MEAN WE CAN'T POSSIBLY OFFER THEM EVEN **HALF** OF WHAT THEY'RE DEMANDING...



... AND THEY'RE MAKING NEW DEMANDS ALL THE TIME!... HOW ABOUT DIVIDING THEM...?



WE'VE TRIED THAT ... AND **FAILED**, MINISTER!





YOU SEE, THESE R.S.C.s  
ARE UNITING ALL THE  
STRIKERS IN A WAY  
WE'VE NEVER SEEN  
BEFORE...



...YES, IT'S TIME  
WE TRIED A  
**DIFFERENT**  
APPROACH....



ER, YES, SIR DAVID..  
WE **HAVE** MADE  
PLANS FOR THIS  
EVENTUALITY.....  
**GENERAL?**



MY BOYS CAN  
DELIVER... BUT  
EVEN **WE** ARE  
UNDER PRESSURE..



**NATO** IS FULLY  
TIED UP WITH  
THE UNREST IN  
ITALY AND  
FRANCE....



.... AND IF **SOUTH**  
**KOREA** SPREADS...  
.... WELL, WE WOULD  
BE **SEVERELY**  
STRETCHED!



AND.. AHM!.. TO BE  
FRANK, THERE IS A  
GROWING QUESTION  
MARK OVER THE  
**LOYALTY** OF SOME  
OF THE TROOPS....



WILL THEY SHOOT  
THEIR OWN  
FAMILIES.....?  
**PRECISELY!**



NATURALLY THE  
**CRACK** REGIMENTS  
REMAIN ENTIRELY  
RELIABLE...



... AND IN THE MEAN-  
TIME, THERE ARE  
OTHER MEASURES...  
CHIEF CONSTABLE?



YES, WE COMMENCE  
ARRESTING KNOWN  
RINGLEADERS AND  
SUSPECTS TONIGHT



... AND THERE IS  
A SIMULTANEOUS  
BAN ON **ALL**  
DEMONSTRATIONS  
AND MARCHES!



WE MEET WITH THE  
OPPOSITION WITH A  
VIEW TO FORMING  
A **NATIONAL**  
GOVERNMENT...



..AND AS FROM  
MIDNIGHT, THE  
TELEVISION, RADIO  
AND PRESS WILL  
BE UNDER OUR  
OFFICIAL  
CONTROL



**THE BATTLE IS ON!!**



I THINK WE ARE  
ALL AGREED THAT  
THIS IS A FIGHT  
AGAINST CHAOS  
AND SUBVERSION...



..AND THAT OUR  
PRIORITY MUST BE  
TO **RESTORE ORDER**  
**ABSOLUTELY!**



IN THAT CASE, WE  
HAVE NOTHING MORE  
TO DISCUSS... I CLOSE  
THIS MEETING!



A few days later...  
I CAN'T WAIT FOR  
WEDNESDAY....



I THINK IT'S GONNA  
BE MASSIVE....  
EVERYONE'S TALKING  
ABOUT IT....



ALL THAT THIS  
BLOODY BAN  
HAS DONE  
IS MAKE IT  
BIGGER...!



IT'S AMAZING! I  
CAN'T REMEMBER  
EVER FEELING LIKE  
THIS BEFORE...



THE RAIL AND BUS  
STRIKES ARE  
DEFINITELY ON  
ACCORDING TO  
LAST NIGHT'S R.S.C.



... AND THERE'S  
GONNA BE DEMOS  
IN BIRMINGHAM,  
MANCHESTER,  
GLASGOW, BELFAST..



HOW'S THE PAPER  
COMING ALONG?  
DID THEY SAY?



...YEH, IT'S LOOKING  
GOOD... THEY'RE  
TALKING OF DOING  
250,000 COPIES...



WHAT? EVERY  
DAY?!

YEAH! WE  
CAN DO IT...  
NO SWEAT!



BLOODY HELL!

...YOU KNOW,  
THIS IS GETTING  
SERIOUS...



IT'S GONE WAY  
BEYOND DEMOS  
AND PICKETS...



...I MEAN, HOW  
ARE WE GONNA  
RUN THIS  
COUNTRY? WHAT  
ABOUT FOOD, GAS,  
ELECTRICITY...?



....WHAT WE  
REALLY NEED IS  
WORKING CLASS  
POWER...



HOLD UP JIM...  
DON'T START  
GETTING TOO  
SERIOUS!



NO, I MEAN IT...  
A SOCIETY WHERE  
WE ALL GET WHAT  
WE NEED...



LIKE HOUSING, FOOD,  
HEATING....

FREE BEER?



I'M SERIOUS,  
MATE - WE'VE  
GOT TO GET RID  
OF ALL THE CRAP  
WHILE WE'VE  
GOT A  
CHANCE!



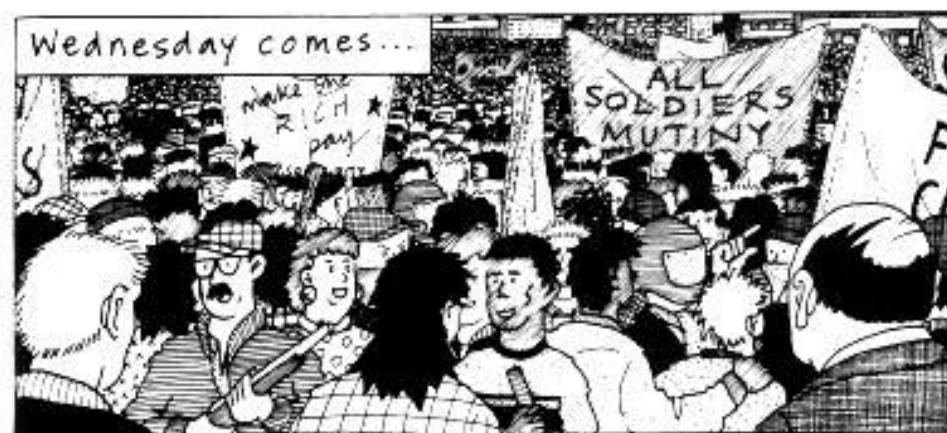
JIM'S RIGHT -  
WE'VE GONE TOO  
FAR TO GO BACK  
NOW...













HIYA JIM... I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING... IT'S FANTASTIC!!



...AND FOR ONCE, I CAN'T SEE ANY COPPERS...

THEY'LL BE ABOUT SOMEWHERE...



A mile away...



NAH! I RECKON WE'VE GOT 'EM THIS TIME, JIM... HIYA MARK!



SCOTLAND'S GONE ALREADY! THE R.S.C.s HAVE TAKEN OVER THE POWER STATIONS UP THERE...



AND WHEN THE TROOPS WENT IN, HALF OF 'EM CAME OVER TO OUR SIDE...



IT'S NOW OR NEVER MATE... THERE'S NO GOING BACK!!



WHAT IS THERE TO GO BACK TO?!



THIS IS IT NOW... IT'S WAR, INNIT... CLASS WAR!!



DID YOU HEAR THAT THE QUEEN'S GONE AND DONE A BUNK TO CANADA...?



GOOD BLOODY RIDDANCE... LET'S HOPE THE REST OF 'EM TAKE THE HINT!



...I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THIS IN MY LIFETIME



YEH... YOU KNOW, TED, I HOPE THIS NEVER EVER ENDS!



I JUST WISH THAT CHARLIE AND ALL THE OTHERS INSIDE COULD BE HERE...



DON'T WORRY, JANET CHARLIE WILL BE OUT SOON... I'M SURE...



I'VE GOT A FEELING THERE WON'T BE ANY PRISONS LEFT BY THE END OF THE WEEK



LOOK SHARP, TINTIN - LOOKS LIKE WE'RE MOVING OFF!



HERE WE GO THEN! ... THIS IS IT!!





ME SISTER PHONED LAST NIGHT ... SHE SAID THE ARMY HAVE BEEN SENT INTO LIVERPOOL ...



..TO "RESTORE ORDER" — WHATEVER THAT MEANS!



...IT'S **THEIR** STINKING ORDER, THEIR RIGHT TO SCREW US .. THEY CAN STUFF IT!!



WE'VE HAD A GLIMPSE OF SOMETHING BETTER ... **AND WE WANT MORE!**



**SOLIDARITY IS STRENGTH**

REGIONAL · STRIKE · CO-ORDINATION



*only the beginning...*

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